

# MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## REGULAR MEETING

Held March 7, 2014

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 6:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. in the Mantua Township Hall. Chairman Jason Carlton called the meeting to order with the following member and visitors present: Jason Carlton, John Festa, Victor Grimm, Trustees, Marie Stehli, Fiscal Officer. Sandy Engelhart, BZA. Lynn Harvey, Roger Hurd, Terri Vechery, Zoning Commission. Susan Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary, Todd Peetz, Regional Planning Commission. Linda Ehlert, Historical Society. Stacie Turner, Villager. Several residents.

### Introduction

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Victor Grimm.

The minutes of the meeting with Brian Savage were discussed. **RES 52-14** Motion to approve the minutes as presented by John Festa, seconded by Victor Grimm. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Victor Grimm, yes. The minutes of the last regular meeting were discussed, with one correction. **RES 53-14** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 regular meeting as corrected and suspend the reading by Victor Grimm, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

Todd Peetz gave a summary of the survey on the use of the school building. Regional Planning conducted meetings in October and January, and met with the chamber. There was an online survey that was intended to go to chamber members, but a newspaper article gave out the link and it became a public survey. The #1 choice was to use the building for township offices. He talked with area realtors and talked to Shalersville about their rented building. It is no longer rented. The going rate in Mantua Village is \$8.50-\$9/square foot. Family & Community Services could be interested in one room. Hiram College is renting a building in Ravenna for business incubator space. There are grants, including CDBG, stormwater implementation, which is available to help pave parking lots to redirect water, historic grants, private foundations, donations, in kind labor. The current zoning is R1-R3. Government use is OK. He had a users and uses chart. He discussed a range of opportunities by cost-low (<\$50,000), Moderate (\$50,000<=\$100,000) and High (>\$100,000). In conclusion, with 14-15% chamber members, the survey and others, 75% said to save the school. He suggested doing a needs assessment of the building and forming 3 committees: 1. Grant & foundation committee. 2. Volunteer & sponsors committee and 3. Building utilization committee for using 4-5 rooms. He suggested not having people on more than 2 committees and no more than one trustee per committee. John Festa complimented Todd on a good job and had no questions. He will review the results. Victor Grimm said he had not had a chance to review it yet. Jason Carlton also said good job and good information. Linda Ehlert asked about grants. Todd suggested a CDBG grant would pay for an elevator. He could help without using technical assistance hours. Marie Stehli thought we, as a community, are not eligible for CDBG, but Todd said we could qualify due to handicapped accessibility issues. Marianne Brezinskas asked where the survey came from, how was it advertised, and how people got involved. It had been widely advertised in the papers. Also there was a large sign on the green. Dave Pollard said it was also on the Mantua Township and Mantua Restoration Society websites. Marianne said that the building is valuable and should be used by the community. Dave Pollard had questions on the survey. Roger Hurd asked Todd about the newspaper article in which he was quoted as saying the school was a money pit. Todd said that the school should NOT be a money pit, and that the article was very negative.

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Financial Report

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- Letter from Chris Meduri to Zachary Bogden
- Frank Gates Worker’s Comp 2 hour safety training
- Marlboro Supply open house
- Thank you from Chagrin River Watershed Partners
- NOPEC gas opt-out program
- OPERS notice
- Portage County Health Department annual report
- Email from Dawn Pechman
- Skyward Spotters program
- Ponytail league request

The Fiscal Officer presented the following financial report:

2014 Appropriations:	\$ 901,304.54
2014 Payments:	\$ 98,614.07
Encumbered, not paid:	\$ 70,584.19
2014 Receipts:	\$ 33,850.65
Cash balance:	\$ 501,287.37 with
	\$ 500,945.54 invested

Main Meeting

Zoning Report

John Festa had John Dickey’s report. For February there was \$40 in income. He also summarized calls received and actions taken.

Zoning Commission

Lynn Harvey said that the Zoning Commission and BZA are trying to pick a date for an informal session with 2 members from each board.

BZA:

None.

Cemetery Report

Jim Aldrich reported burial fees of \$1205 and grave sales of \$1220. He is working on getting the Westlawn sign refurbished.

Road Report

John Festa said that the road crew is patching.

Club & Committee Reports

Jason said that there is no veteran’s committee update tonight.

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### Trustee Reports

Jason Carlton said that the Crestwood Ponytail league would like exclusive use of the ball fields from April 1-July 13. The fences need replacing in front of the benches. He had a price of \$832.65 from Ohio Fence Company. Jason has not had a chance to check the fences. Todd Monroe has re-lined the fields. Vic said that the benches have also been worked on. OK to use the field. The trustees will look at the benches.

**RES 54-14** Motion to allow the road crew to attend a class in Akron and pay for their personal expenses by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. The Fiscal Officer noted that the lunches would be taxable under new rules. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Victor Grimm yes.

Shalersville is going to have their spring clean-up the same weekend as ours. Vic will talk to Denny Bujak regarding dumpster prices. Their prices were a lot higher than ours last year.

Luke Marzek is the service chair of a local fraternity. They would like to do a service project. Marie Stehli pointed out that school would probably be out in early May.

John Festa wants to put Todd Peetz' report out on the website.

Brian Baird with the Summit Free Wheelers said that they will be hosting a state wide time trial here in the township. The roads do not need to be closed. He would like to use Mantua Center Road south to Mennonite on July 27. He requested parking and to rent the Civic Center if available. No permit is required. They need insurance. He asked about a food vendor. What about alcohol? Vic said that is being researched by the insurance company. The Sheriff will be on hand. Jason asked Roger Hurd if he would coordinate with the church, as it will be on a Sunday. **RES 55-14** Motion to allow the Ohio State Time Trial championship hosted by the Summit Freewheelers to use Mantua Township grounds on July 26-27 by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Victor Grimm yes.

Victor Grimm attended the Local Government classes in Columbus. He took his records training and has his certificate.

### Old Business

Vic is going to run the shutters down to Steve Coon.

Rent Agreements are still under review.

Vic said we still need to install a gas heater. The electric heater is in.

Chris sent a letter on the Bogden rental. A deadline was set. We still have not recovered the trash can.

John Festa said that AT&T cannot provide internet service at the school. We need to be closer to the switching station. Internet will have to be either cable or satellite. We can bundle phone and internet.

Christine from the Community Journal will give a price on printing a newsletter. John has raised \$600 in pledges for ads. Vic talked to Chris Meduri. There is an Attorney General Opinion agout advertising on a website-it is not recommended.

Vic also talked about the fact sheet that John Dickey had given to John Festa to pass out on agriculture. There are a lot of issues. It is a contract, and the Zoning Inspector cannot enter into a contract. A lot of it is outside zoning. The old affidavit is sufficient but we can't force someone to sign it. If it is over 5 acres, it can't be regulated. Under 5 acres can.

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Public Comments

The following spoke during public comments:

Susan Skrovan asked John Festa for examples of other townships that allow advertising in newsletters.

Carole Pollard asked who the non-members of the Chamber were who took the survey. The survey had the same results.

Dave Pollard had concerns about church parking on the date of the bike race.

Brian Baird answered his concerns.

Finale

**RES 56-14** Motion by Jason Carlton to pay the bills seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Victor Grimm yes.

MANTUA TOWNSHIP PAID BILLS			3/7/2014
20231	MICHAEL RICHARDS	FEBRUARY 15-28, 2014	823.62
20232	BRIAN TAYERLE	FEBRUARY 15-28, 2014	1,053.19
20233	DANIEL WYSZNSKI	FEBRUARY 15-28, 2014	1,033.97
VOUCHER	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FEBRUARY FEDERAL DEPOSIT	1,419.38
20234	TREASURER, OHIO	FEBRUARY WITHHELD	271.98
20235	PERS	FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS	3,361.71
20236	AFLAC	FEBRUARY WITHHELD	26.52
20237	ANTHEM BLUE CROSS	FEBRUARY WITHHELD	386.66
20238	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	FEBRUARY WITHHELD	130.00
20239	PORTAGE CTY HEALTH DEPT	ANNUAL POTTY TAX	675.00
20240	ANTHEM BLUE CROSS	HEALTH INSURANCE	5,963.67
	OHIO PUBLIC ENTITY		
20241	CONSORTIUM	FUNDING PLAN	42.00
		DENTAL, VISION, LIFE	
20242	OHIO INSURANCE SERVICES	INSURANCE	366.11
		MEALS AT OTA WINTER	
20243	CHASE BANK	CONFERENCE	20.81
20244	OHIO EDISON	FEBRUARY SERVICE	133.00
20245	AT&T	FEBRUARY SERVICE	100.97
20246	AT&T	FEBRUARY SERVICE	310.52
20247	SUNBURST ENVIRONMENTAL	FEBRUARY SERVICE	45.35
20248	SPIRIT SERVICE COMPANY	FEBRUARY SERVICE	133.28
20249	HARPER WELL & PUMP	SUPPLIES	64.00
20250	LOWES	SUPPLIES	89.25
20251	MORTON SALT	171.93 TONS ROAD SALT	4,728.07
	OSCAR BRUGMANN SAND &		
20252	GRAVEL	25.37 TONS ICE GRITS	278.27
			21,457.33

**RES 57-14** Motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings-exceptions-paragraph (G) section 1. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes. Meeting recessed, 9:04 and reconvened, 9:42.

**RES 58-14** Motion to reconvene by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

**RES 59-14** Motion by Jason Carlton to place Michael Richards on administrative leave and to allow Mike to use his vacation and sick time. During this time Mike will not be allowed on Township grounds. In order for Mike to return to work he must have a doctor's release. His work return must also be approved by the Board of Trustees prior

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to returning to work. The motion was seconded by Victor Grimm. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

**RES 60-14** Motion to increase Jim Aldrich sexton pay from \$300 to \$400 per month effective March 1, 2014 by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

**RES 61-14** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

The meeting was adjourned till March 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for the next regular meeting.

<hr/> Victor Grimm	<hr/> Jason Carlton
<hr/> John Festa	<hr/> Marie Louise Stehli, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Mantua Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.